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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Carraways Treasures & Collections v. Verizon South, Inc., and Farmer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni
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The South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 2008-347-C /Carraways Treasures & Collections v. Verizon
South, Inc., and Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Verizon South, Inc., is an original and ten (10) copies of its Answer to the Complaint in the above referenced matter. By copy of this letter and certificate of service, all parties of record are being served by U.S. Mail with a copy of this Answer.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (803) 771-4400.

Sincerely,



Steven W. Hamm

cc: Parties of Record

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IN THE MATTER OF

Carraways Treasures & Collections v.)	
Verizon South, Inc. and Farmers)	ANSWER
Telephone Cooperative, Inc.)	

Verizon South Inc. (“Verizon”) answers the complaint of Carraways Treasures & Collectibles (“Carraways”) as follows:

1. In the first paragraph of the complaint, Carraways requests that its service be switched from Verizon to Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Farmers”). In response, Verizon states that the request is ambiguous because it does not specify which service Carraways wants to receive from Farmers. If Carraways is requesting that Farmers provide broadband service, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over the complaint and it should be dismissed. Verizon further states that a carrier does not need the Commission’s permission to provide broadband service and therefore nothing prevents Carraways from ordering broadband service from Farmers today. If Carraways is requesting that Farmers provide telephone service, however, Verizon respectfully opposes the request because the Carraways property is not in Farmers’ certified territory. By law Farmers may not provide telephone service to the Carraways property, although its affiliated competitive local exchange carrier is free to do so if Carraways so requests. Further, Carraways acknowledges that Verizon is providing

telephone service to the property and Carraways does not allege any deficiency in that service.

2. The second paragraph of the complaint makes allegations concerning the location of the Carraways property. In response, Verizon admits that the Carraways address is correctly stated and that Verizon provides dial tone service to the property. Verizon is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of the second paragraph of the complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

3. The third paragraph of the complaint alleges that Mr. Carraway requested that Verizon provide DSL or other high speed access to the Internet and that “after exhausting all means of obtaining this service” Verizon informed Mr. Carraway that the service would not be made available to him. In response, Verizon admits that Mr. Carraway requested Verizon to provide DSL service to the Carraways property and that Verizon informed him that it was not able to provide the service to the property. Verizon further notes that currently it is not able to provide DSL service to the property because of its distance from the Verizon Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexor. Verizon denies the remaining allegations of the third paragraph of the complaint.

4. The fourth paragraph of the complaint alleges that the Carraways property is “on the line between the two companies, separated by Friendfield Road,” that the business has a hub for high speed access and a line and pole to the building, and that the business would benefit from DSL or other high speed access to the Internet. In response, Verizon admits that the Carraways property is on the other side of Friendfield

Road from Farmers' service territory. Verizon is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of the fourth paragraph of the complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

5. The fifth paragraph of the complaint makes allegations concerning discussions between Mr. Carraway and Farmers. In response, Verizon is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of the fifth paragraph of the complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests that that the Commission:

- a. Dismiss the complaint with prejudice; and
- b. Order such further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted on October 16, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, the undersigned employee of Richardson, Plowden, & Robinson, P.A. have caused to be served this day, October 16, 2008, one (1) copy of the attached letter on behalf of Verizon South Inc. in the above referenced docket by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid to the following Parties of Record:

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